

THE SECRET IS OUT NOW

For a Confidential Friend Tells Some Of J. J. Hill's Affairs.

IN SELF DEFENSE

The Railroads Are Forced To Combine Under One Ownership To Control Policy.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 11.—The solution of J. J. Hill's activity in railroad affairs was disclosed here today by a confidential friend to whom Hill told his plans.

He says, "I had a long talk with Mr. Hill a few weeks ago and he told me that the greatest disaster threatening the railroads of the country is that pooling may be legalized by congress."

"President Hill said that such a law would be a calamity to harmonize, and this could only be accomplished by a community of ownership of stock, so as to control the policy of the roads."

ALL THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE RUSSIE HAVE BEEN SAVED AT LAST.

FARAMAN, Bouches Du Rhone, Jan. 11.—All of the passengers and crew of the French steamer *Russie*, from Oren, which stranded during the violent storm Monday near this place, have been landed. No one of the passengers and crew was injured, nor were any of them ill.

The sending of food to those on the wreck yesterday was made possible by the cruiser *Galilee* abundantly oiling the sea, which permitted a life boat to get close to the *Russie*.

The greatest difficulty which the rescuers had to face was the shallowness of the water in the neighborhood of the wreck. The pilot of the steamer *Eclairer* got within 200 meters of the *Russie* where the water was only two fathoms and a half deep. It seemed as though the attempt was about to succeed, but the increasing gale rendered the pilot's own position most perilous, and he was compelled to stand out to sea again.

After several ineffectual efforts the passengers and crew of the wrecked steamer were finally taken ashore.

A BOER COMMANDO TURNED BACK BY BRITISH AS THEY CROSSED THE ORANGE RIVER.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 11.—A small commando about 200 strong crossed Orange river near Aliwal. It was met on the borders of Aliwal, Wodehouse and Barkley East districts by a body police and mounted farmers and was repulsed with some loss. It will probably attempt to cross the river again.

De Wet was last reported in the neighborhood of Bothaville. All towns in Orange colony on the main line of railroad are strongly held by the British, and the Boers show no disposition to approach them.

The British warship, *Sybil* has anchored in Lambert's bay and landed a force of blue jackets and a number of guns. This force has constructed intrenchments.

THE PRELIMINARY STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—As the result of inquiries in authoritative quarters the following statement regarding the Chinese situation is presented: "The Chinese plenipotentiaries signed the joint note Wednesday, thus concluding the preliminary stage of the negotiations."

THE HEALTH OF THE PRESIDENT IS NOW STEADILY IMPROVING.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The president spent a restful night and continues to improve. Nothing in his case at all unfavorable has so far appeared.

ON MOUNTAIN TOP

A PAVILION FOR A SUMMER RESORT WILL BE BUILT. And a Cable Railway Will Be Run to the Foot of the Mountain, With an Inclined Plane to the Top of the Proud Peak.—A Broad Project.

A. P. Coles is authority for the statement that a movement is now on foot to build a large pavilion on the summit of Mount Franklin and to build a cable line from the center of the city to the base of the mountain from which an inclined plane will carry the passengers to the pavilion where they may enjoy themselves thoroughly.

It will be run by the best people of the city and will not be a beer garden as has been suggested at times before. It will be a place where a man may take his family or his sweetheart for a pleasant afternoon or evening. El Paso has no resort of any kind and it will be a big thing for the place.

Some eastern capitalists were in Mr. Coles's office this afternoon when a Herald man stepped in and they were very enthusiastic over the matter.

One of the men is now working on the plans and specifications and will soon have them ready for inspection when the citizens will be asked to purchase stock in the enterprise and he will personally guarantee that if the citizens of El Paso will subscribe \$15,000 he can sell the rest of the stock in the east and El Paso will then have one of the finest resorts within a few minutes ride from the center of the city.

Mr. Coles is agent for the owners of the mountain and stated that he would guarantee that the place would be donated free of charge for the enterprise. He will also start the ball rolling by purchasing shares of the stock which is to sell at \$100 per share. Several other business men have also promised to buy stock.

The power will be furnished from a large motor, and the pavilion will be one of the largest in the country. There will be an orchestra engaged by the season and dancing will be one of the special features of the resort. A first class hotel will also be built by the company which will be an ideal place for the health seekers.

DOUBLE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS COMING HOME FOR WELL MERITED REST.

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 11.—Six hundred and fifty two out of the original 1,150 men of the Thirty-seventh volunteer infantry sailed for home on the transport *Sheridan* today.

This was one of the two infantry regiments recruited here by General Otis when the original volunteers were mustered out.

WILLIE ASTOR EXCLUDES AMERICANS FROM HIS POST-SNUB-TIAL BALL.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—William Waldorf Astor gave a magnificent ball at his country place, Cliveden, last night, to twenty guests in honor of his daughter Pauline and his son William Waldorf Astor, Jr., and also as an indication of his return to society. It was a most brilliant affair. Americans were vigorously excluded.

THREE MEN HURLED FIFTY YARDS BY A BOILER EXPLOSION IN CHICAGO SUBURB.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 11.—Three men were fatally injured in an explosion at the boiler plant of the Bedard and Morency Mill company at Oak Park this morning.

The force of the explosion destroyed the building and hurled the men fifty yards.

AN ART CRITIC AND TRANSLATOR OF DANTE DISAPPROVES OF ROOSEVELT.

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—By referring to vice-president-elect Roosevelt as "the great disappointment of the present time, a poser and a boaster," Prof. Charles Eliot Norton of Harvard university created a sensation at the annual meeting of the Unitarian club.

AN EX-COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY IS DEAD AT NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—William L. Trenholm, comptroller of the currency during Cleveland's first administration, died today of pneumonia.

Gociano Chacon, the burro driver arrested yesterday for striking a 14 year old girl with a rope, was acquitted of the charge in Judge Harper's court yesterday afternoon.

They Endorse A Business Men's Ticket.

That the suggestion of The Herald to elect eight business men for aldermen and one business man for mayor has touched a responsive chord in the hearts and minds of El Paso's leading citizens is well shown by the following brief expressions of opinion from citizens approached at random. The citizens interviewed, as will be seen at once, represent every shade of political opinion, and their views have been printed as they gave them. That the overwhelming mass of the opinions is in strong approval of such a movement is not the result of discrimination. It is a perfect reflex of the opinions of the people.

It will do every right minded citizen good to read these expressions, as they represent the most hopeful sign for an innovation in the direction of honest and able government that has been discovered.

M. Posener: It is a splendid idea.

J. C. Ballard: That suits me all right.

John Harper: That plan suits me all right.

R. T. Rogers: That scheme looks all right to me.

H. R. Wood: There are no better men in the town. I favor all of them.

County Attorney Eylar: There is no question about them being first class men.

A. J. Schutz: That sounds good. They are the proper people and I favor all of them.

A. W. Spencer: Put in the best men the city has regardless of politics. These are good.

C. C. Keifer: They would make a good board and every one of them could be elected.

E. C. Pew: That is satisfactory to me; they are as good men as can be found in El Paso.

H. F. Price: I approve the idea heartily. They are good men and are my choice for board of aldermen.

H. B. Charman: No, sir, I am not in favor of that. I am an out and out democrat and believe in drawing radical party lines.

J. P. Deiter: I am not in politics but will say that if any faction dominates the city council it will not be well for the public.

J. S. Morrison: I don't believe we could get a better set of men together for the benefit of the city. They have the interests of El Paso at heart.

A. H. Richards: I don't care who they have for aldermen, I have my own business to look after and do not care what becomes of the city's affairs.

Phil Young: The people who are most interested in the city's affairs should be in charge. The directors of the chamber of commerce suit me.

J. M. Cluxton: We need business men at the head of the city's affairs and no better men could be found than the board of directors of the chamber of commerce.

B. S. Catlin: They are all good, first class business men and I have no objection to the scheme if they will run. They would give us a fine business administration.

W. H. Tuttle: There are no better business men in town than these. They are old war horses and could be depended upon to look after the interests of the city.

Bruck & O'Connor: We pay little attention to politics but will favor such a board as that. They are business men and not politicians and that is what the city needs.

L. H. Hell: Yes, it is time we were getting business men to manage the city's affairs and all of these are good men. I doubt if some of them can be elected but they all suit me.

B. F. Happold: I am opposed to politics in city elections. If we could elect men for the men and not for their political belief even in government offices the country would be better.

R. W. Curtis: The election of these men would result in the breaking up of the political jack pot now existing in our city government. I do not believe in mixing politics with city elections.

H. R. Chase: Party politics should be eliminated from the city election. If we could get such business men as we have on the chamber of commerce for our city council it would be to the city's interest.

H. G. Crowe: To have business men at the head of the city's affairs means a great deal to El Paso. No politician

IS WELL TREATED EPIDEMIC OF GRIP

MAC STEWART COMPLAINS WITHOUT ADEQUATE REASON. The Americans in Chihuahua Believe He is Getting What He Deserves, and That the Sympathy of Some Americans From This Side is Misplaced.

The American colony in Chihuahua is much offended by the reports published in the El Paso morning paper about the condition of Mac Stewart, the old ex-confederate who has been in jail there for several years.

The stories referred to are true in the main but the tone of the articles is misleading and the Americans there contend that it keeps up unwarranted prejudice against them on the part of the Mexican officials.

A Herald reporter while in Chihuahua Monday called on Mr. Stewart in his cell and spent an hour with him. He is getting old and very weak but seems to be faring as well as a man could to be confined in jail. Sympathy doesn't seem to be with Stewart in Chihuahua for he is considered a criminal by the Americans there. His conduct in the jail is not such as would enlist good treatment from the penitentiary officials, however he is really treated better than the Mexican prisoners in his company.

Stewart seemed very glad to meet The Herald representative and at once began talking of his miserable condition. "I cannot live much longer here," he said, "for my health is failing every day. I have used every effort to get out but to no avail and I now feel that I am going to die here. My money is about exhausted and as I cannot eat what they give me here I cannot hope to live long. It seems to me that all my friends in the United States have deserted me and left me here to die in this miserable place. I know they could get me out if they would try. I have given money to everybody who has been to see me, thinking that they could bribe the officers or buy me out, but they have done nothing. I can't stay in this uncomfortable place and if something is not done I am sure to die."

He goes on for hours talking in this tone and there is little question but that he is deranged. He says he cannot eat what is furnished, but on examination it is found that his provisions are good and only lack delicacies. Stewart is to be pitied but the authorities of Chihuahua are not to be blamed. He insults the state by accusing the officers of trying to starve him and censures them for keeping him in jail "with Mexicans." Mexico has very few Americans to put him with and he is receiving better treatment than the Mexicans are. He has a room to himself, a very poor one it is true, but as good as there is in the prison. Stewart's health is fast failing and he will probably not live much longer, but if his conduct was better he would be transferred to the hospital and probably be discharged later.

Stewart has some money left and buys such delicacies as he wants. He does his own cooking and fares well as far as eating goes. He will soon be too weak to cook and will then probably be taken to the hospital. His form trembles constantly but he has no disease other than weakness and old age.

Despairing of getting out Stewart grasps at every offer of freedom. The American tramps have heard of this and every few days some one calls on him for money. Three of these cases have come up within the past two weeks and he gave them all money. They would tell him that they could bribe the officers or buy his release in some way if they had the money. He gives them orders for the money, \$200 apiece, and that is the last he hears of them.

United States Consul Mills has often cautioned Stewart about giving away his money but it does no good. Stewart grabs at every straw and loses every time. Consul Mills has asked him to telephone him when one of these sharkers is there but he seems to ignore Mills entirely and seeks assistance from entire strangers. He has injured himself in this way and it will be hard for Stewart's friends to do much for him.

STATE OF MISSOURI IS CURSED WITH SMALLPOX, GRIP AND DIPHTHERIA.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 11.—A special session of the state board of health will be held in Jefferson City today to adopt measure to abate the epidemics of grip, smallpox, and diphtheria which are now sweeping over the state.

The Scourge Extends All Over the Civilized World.

DEATH LIST LARGE

The Great Cities Are Suffering the Worst, and the Doctors Appear To Be Powerless

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 11.—The whole world has the grip. Reports from all over the civilized globe tell of the unusual prevalence of influenza and kindred diseases.

St. Petersburg, London, Berlin, Paris, Rome, and hundreds of other old world cities are suffering with an epidemic of the disease.

In the United States all the centers of population have been stricken and the death records are assuming alarming proportions. It is estimated by experts in the city health department that there are over one million cases of grip in the United States.

Chicago and New York appear to have more than a fair proportion of the epidemic.

DAN STUART SAYS HE WILL BE READY TO HANDLE ANY BIG FIGHT IN MAY.

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 11.—In answer to a query as to whether he could bring off the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight in Carson City if the Cincinnati authorities refused to permit its being contested in that city, Dan Stuart said: "It is not quite clear to my mind just what this question involves. If it means that there has been a change of conditions by which the men cannot fight at Cincinnati and that there has been an absolute abandonment of intention to fight in that city, then I would be willing to give the Jeffries-Ruhlin match proper consideration."

"I am thoroughly prepared to bid for and carry out to finish any top notch matches at Carson City. There will be no interference. Everything is in readiness so far as a place and facilities are concerned. But I will not attempt to arrange for any matches to be settled at the arena earlier than May. This is as early as a match could be reasonably thought of in Nevada."

THE SENATE IS GREATLY DEPLETE D OWING TO PREVALENCE OF GRIP.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Only seventeen senators appeared on the floor at the opening of today's session of the senate. The prevailing epidemic of grip and the inclement weather accounted for the absence of many senators.

Senator Carter, chairman of the committee on the census, reported favorably the bill passed by the house making an apportionment of representatives in the house of representatives among the states of the union. The senate committee had made no amendments to the bill as passed by the house.

In view of the importance of measure, Mr. Carter asked for immediate consideration of it. Mr. Pettus of Alabama objected to its further consideration and it went over.

The army bill was then considered.

A STORY OF THE COUNT BONI DE FAKE'S VARIOUS STEALINGS AND INVESTMENTS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Countess De Castellane, who was Miss Anna Gould, is in debt for \$4,000,000 and insolvent; the Count De Castellane is alleged to be the perpetual deceiver of dealers in art objects, buying these for the Castellane palace with notes ever renewed by the dealers, and selling the art objects for cash to others.

The countess was familiar with his deceptions and united with him in them. The trustee of the Gould estate have been informed of all this. These amazing things were said in supreme court today in a suit against the pair.